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BIZARREST EXCUSE: Did you imagine a time when rodents would be blamed for a poorly laid footpath in Bengaluru?

RATS ATE MY ROADWORK!

Missing footpath tiles along Nrupathunga Road near PWD office

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The quality of roads and footpaths developed and maintained by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and other government agencies is seemingly below par as some stretches are dropping from bad to worse with each passing day.

The condition of the footpath along Nrupathunga Road is the case in point. Recently, paver blocks were found missing from Church Street at the heart of the city developed at an estimated cost of Rs 9 crore. Now, it is the turn of Nrupathunga Road.

A portion of the footpath comprising paver blocks near the Public Works Department (PWD) office has caved in; some tiles on the footpath were found to be missing as well.

Now, do you want to know the reason cited for the poor condition of the footpath, a public infra that is expected to last for 20 to 30 years?

Absurd as it sounds, according to BBMP chief engineer Lokesh, bandicoot rats have damaged the footpath. "We found that a particular stretch of the footpath along the

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"I think the base for fixing the tiles was not proper. Tiles used for the footpath are not interlocking tiles either
— Kathyayini Chamaraj, CIVIC

Lay of cables

When newly asphalted road was dug up, Brookefield residents decided to find permanent fix

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Poorly laid underground cables do not bother Brookefield residents any more. They have created a solution to the problem at a cost of Rs 2.1 lakh.

The structural design tweak protects the electric cables while allowing traffic to flow above ground seamlessly.

For Brookefield residents, it was a critical problem that a few BESCOM cables were just below the surface of the asphalted road.

With heavy traffic flow, the cables would get damaged in the process. To repair the cables, there would be constant digging of roads. When a newly asphalted road was dug up, the residents decided to find a permanent solution.

"We found that the cables were placed just 3 inches from the surface while they should be at least 3 feet deep. We did not know why there was constant digging and wanted to find the cause. There are seven 11kv cables and it would be very unsafe to dig and lay them deeper. If you need to push, you need to push down the entire cable's length," said Arvind Keerthi, a resident of Brookefield Layout.

Residents created a chamber that would withstand the weight of heavy vehicles. "The challenge was to build a structure that could withstand the weight of the vehicles on the surface and not push onto the cables, The structure had to withstand at least the weight of a 50-60-tonne truck. We

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Stories of yore

Acharya Deepa Narayanan Sashindran and the Kuchipudi Parampara Foundation presents Nandanar Charitam, a Kuchipudi art performance. The tale focuses on two boons attributed to Nandanar who, hailing from a humble agriculture family in South India in the 12th century, was a great devotee of Lord Shiva. According to legend, in Sivalokanathar temple, Tirupunkur, his prayers are said to have moved a giant stone bull, which still appears in the moved position in the temple. Nandanar is said to have ritually purified himself by fire at Thillai Nataraja Temple, Chidambaram. **Where: Seva Sadan Auditorium, Malleshwaram; When: June 29, 6pm onwards; Entry Free**

02 EV talk

Folks, check out the 3rd International Green Vehicle Expo. The expo will showcase the entire/ complete range of technology and products ranging across electrical vehicles and hybrid vehicle industry and will ensure to be an excellent one stop destination to explore new business tie-ups, engage with the industry experts and find future business partners.
Where: Bangalore International Exhibition Centre
When: July 1 – 3

03 Au naturale

Magnitude Gallery has opened its doors to exhibit a new collection of paintings by talented artists under the theme, 'Junglee – Magnificently Wild'. This vibrant exhibition cum sale has artworks that depict majestic wild animals ie: tigers, leopards, elephants in their natural habitat. They are sure to enchant you with their interplay of colours, moods & styles and comprise of vibrant birds & animals. **Where: Magnitude Gallery, Jayanagar**
When: Till June 30; Contact: 9900117201

Feeling feverish? Get tested for covid, folks

Fever is most common covid symptom being reported say doctors; it persists for two-three days and severity varies from moderate to high

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Experts say a lot of people are not getting tested which could lead to lesser number of cases

With the number of covid cases continuing to be high in the city, doctors have noted that high fever seems to be the most common symptom reported in the current covid strain.

In the earlier waves, breathing distress, severe cough and cold and loss of taste and smell were indicators of the infection.

Dr Subrata Das, Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine and Diabetology, Sakra World Hospital, said, "High fever is a common symptom of the current wave. For the first two to three days, it persists and subsides later. Symptoms like throat ache, nasal stuffiness, head and body pain, loss of taste and smell are not very common this time."

How covid symptoms changed

First wave
Low-grade fever, cough and cold, diarrhoea, loss of smell and taste, muscle pain, fatigue and weakness

Second wave
High fever, severe cough and cold, muscle pain and body ache, loss of taste and smell, severe breathing distress, pneumonia, lung fibrosis and cardiac arrest

Third wave
Digestive problems like nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, abdominal pain, heartburn and bloating

Other common symptoms
Fever, cough, sore throat, sore head

Many not testing

Though the government is yet to call this a fourth wave, health experts say that it could be the fourth. Dr Sandeepa HS, Consultant - Interventional Pulmonologist, BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital, said, "Majority of them are not getting tested and hence, the number of cases appears to be low. Fever is one of the most common symptoms. The severity varies from moderate to high and usually lasts for a day or two. Fever is usually associated with chills and the most common and prominent symptoms of Covid during this wave are also sore throat, cold and cough."

> **"Fever is usually associated with chills & varies from moderate to high**
> – Dr Sandeepa HS, BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital

According to him, weakness and body pain are also symptoms. However, a majority of the cases were mild in nature. Admissions also continue to be low in number. However, he cautioned, "monitoring of oxygen saturation is important especially at the first sign of drop in oxygen saturation below 93 per cent".

Jabbed individuals

While a large chunk of Bengaluru's population has taken the vaccines, many are suffering from covid now. Dr Pavan Yadav, Lead Consultant, Interventional Pulmonology and Lung Transplantation, Aster RV Hospital, said that cough, runny nose and fatigue were the most common symptoms in those inoculated.

Fresh covid guidelines: RAT, isolation & more

Apartment complexes have to strictly follow covid protocols; special rules issued for domestic help

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Following a surge in Covid cases, the Health Department on Tuesday has issued a fresh set of guidelines.

As per the new guidelines, those symptomatic in cluster cases have to be tested by a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and those positive should be isolated. All the high-risk asymptomatic cases (citizens above 60 years of age and/ or co-morbid) will be tested by RT-PCR.

However, there won't be large-scale mass-testing of the asymptomatic cases except for primary contacts. The apartment complexes have been told to enforce strict covid-appropriate behaviour like masks, social distancing in common areas.

The facilities in the common areas like club house, swimming pool, reading rooms, sports room, association office, etc will be closed till the recovery of the last case of Covid-19.

Guidelines for domestic help

For domestic helps working in households having covid-19 infected people, domestic help should be below 60 years of age, strictly asymptomatic (free from fever/cough/running nose/sore throat/breathing difficult/ etc.), wear N-95 mask while working and preferably be inoculated with both doses/ precautionary dose.

There is no need to seal down/close down the floors/towers/blocks/ apartment complexes etc. The Health Department has said that symptomatic people should not attend office, college, etc. Instead, they should go in for RAT and if positive, isolate.

RAT is must for symptomatic people

If someone tests positive, primary contacts who are symptomatic should be tested by RAT. Students with Covid symptoms have been asked not to attend school and must undergo RAT.

Eats, pollutes and leaves

Picnickers leave trail of trash behind after visit to waterfalls around city

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Thottikallu falls (inset) is just 35 km from the city, but visitors say waste lies strewn around this favourite getaway spot

Bengalureans are known to be weekend trippers, often heading out on an outing as the city is surrounded by waterfalls that are close by. But these days, many nature lovers, are reporting a jarring sight around that spoils the view of such scenic places — waste lies unattended to at even the remotest corner.

Bala Tripura S, a Bengalurean, visited the Thottikallu waterfalls recently. He said, "The view was breath-taking, the weather was also beautiful, but my eyes kept on going towards the litter in the area. It was hampering the beauty of the place as well as the environment."

Thottikallu falls, also known as Swarna Mukhi or TK falls, is just 35 km from the city, located off Kanakapura Road.

Several visitors also complained that the road near the waterfall was not managed well.

Mallika Chacko, another city resident, said, "I went to visit the waterfalls with my family and my grandmother was also there. The road leading to the waterfalls was so broken and damaged that she could not go near the falls. The overall area was also very dirty. There was waste all over the place which is very unsightly."

Other waterfalls near the city, which are well known tourist attractions, also are in a similar situation.

However, some of the people who have visited the tourist spots say that they have also seen some people throw waste into the water.

Abhijith Joseph, a freelance photographer, said, "I have visited Chunchi falls many times. During the weekends, people often come here for picnics and parties, and they end up making the place dirty by throwing beer bottles and plastic plates. They do not realise that by doing this they are ruining the beauty of a serene place like this."

Ayushh K, a city-based environmentalist, said that to keep such behaviours at bay, responsible authorities should display informative boards mentioning the importance of flora and fauna at tourist spots. They should also post personnel to keep an eye on tourists and impose some kind of fine so that they do not repeat such behaviour.

"If the tourists are educated and made aware about the harmful effects of polluting water bodies and the environment, we will definitely see a significant difference," he said.

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> –Ayushh K, environmentalist

An official from the Department of Forest Environment and Ecology highlighted that it is the moral responsibility of visitors to do the bare minimum for the environment.

"Changing this habit will take some time, but we will start initiatives to raise people's awareness about the issue," the official added.

Man lands at airport, abuses CISF official

A 26-year-old man, a passenger from an international flight who landed at the Kempegowda's International Airport, is cooling his heels at the Parappana Agrahara Central prison after he allegedly abused a CISF woman official and her subordinate on Thursday.

The accused, identified by the airport police as Suraj Kumar Modi, of Dhanbad in Jharkhand, was in an inebriated state when a staff from an airport shop reported his abusive behaviour to the CISF personnel.

The man had picked up a quarrel with a worker at a shop at the terminal building in the airport at 5.50 pm, and the staff reported it to the CISF personnel. A Special Aviation Security Group (ASG) woman officer attended to the case with her subordinate, a sub-inspector rank personnel. In her complaint to the police, the officer stated that Modi, being aware that she was a woman in CISF fatigues used abusive language and outraged her modesty and when her subordinate intervened, the accused assaulted him and obstructed from carrying on his official duties. The woman officer continued to request the man to produce his passport, boarding pass, and other documents, but he turned violent and threw the files and other documents on the official's table and created a ruckus. He also threatened the woman officer and her subordinate with dire consequences. Based on a complaint from the woman officer, the airport police have registered a case against the accused booking him for non-bailable offences of assaulting a government official on duty and obstructing him/her from discharging his/her duties, sexual harassment, intentional insult and criminal intimidation. The accused was taken into custody around 8 pm from the airport, produced before a magistrate who remanded him to judicial custody. Further investigations are underway.

—Bellie Thomas

Brakes on Cubbon Park's dog ban plan

After backlash, horticulture minister to study issue in detail

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BM had reported about the proposed ban on pets at the park from July 1

The dog ban in Cubbon Park is not likely to be in effect from July 1 as proposed earlier. According to sources, the horticulture minister is studying the issue in detail and a decision will be issued in a week.

It seems that the petition against dog bans has won over the petition for the dog ban. According to the horticulture department, they have received roughly 400 complaints about dog owners. But the online petition against the ban has garnered more than 20,000 signatures from dog lovers.

This has coaxed the horticulture department to have a rethink and it has now decided to think about it for a week. While the ban idea itself has not been discarded, it won't be in effect from July 1. Reportedly the decision comes after Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan addressed the issue with Karnataka horticulture minister Munirathna on Tuesday evening.

PC Mohan told Bangalore Mirror, "I met the horticulture minister and in a week, the department will look through animal welfare board guidelines and formulate new rules. While they are forming the rules, I will also be sending my suggestions. Initially, the ban was expected to be in effect from July 1 but it might be postponed. The department is planning to take a week and frame the rules that will become a model for the entire country."

Horticulture department officials also confirmed that the ban was on hold. A senior official from the department said, "The horticulture minister had called to inquire about the animal welfare guidelines. He has asked for a detailed report about the issue." He added that it was decided during last Saturday's meeting to put a signage at the park about dog ban from July 1. "We will look at both sides of the issue and take the proposal to the minister."

Deputy Director of Horticulture Department (Cubbon Park) HT Balakrishna said the final meeting to decide on the ban has not been taken yet.

Yet another city lake is getting mucked up

Sewage entering Kaikondrahalli Lake, people dumping garbage around it too

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Kaikondrahalli Lake, popular for its scenic beauty, is reportedly inching closer towards an ugly turn because of the sewage that is contaminating it. People also fear that fish living in the water body will be affected, along with the migratory birds that frequent it.

Residents in the area say that a number of buildings have been built around the lake, and all the sewage collected from the houses and apartments enter it, polluting the water.

Nikita Kalra, one of the residents, said, "When I went to take a walk around the area, I was shocked to see sewage water entering into the lake in copious amounts. Heaps of garbage were entering, and it was so sad to see. There is no one there to monitor the situation."

The residents blame a lack of proper administration for a lot of people dumping garbage into the lake premises as well.

Kaikondrahalli Lake is locally popular for the scenic views it offers, but is at risk of contamination because of the sewage entering it

Reeta Ghosh, another resident, said, "Since there is no one to say anything, a lot of people are using the place to dump their garbage regularly. Yesterday, while I was walking in the morning, I saw a woman dumping garbage and I stopped her. However, it is not possible for me to be there all the time. People throw garbage when no one is there."

While it is one of the city's lakes that are still healthy, continued contamination could soon lead to it seeing the same fate as the other lakes.

"This lake has a different kind of topography. It has a small island, a wetland kind of an area where trees are submerged in the water, and is very beautiful. The sad thing is, if you look around you will not find a lot of birds because there aren't enough fish. And the number of fish is reducing because of the garbage piling up in the lake," said Harish Bijoor, another concerned resident.

> **"When I went to take a walk around the area, I was shocked to see sewage entering the lake**
> – Nikita Kalra, Resident

The lake is reportedly also becoming a victim of frothing. People fear that if no steps are taken, the area will get reduced to a barren land with dirty water.

A BBMP official working in the lake department said, "We will inform the local officer about this situation. They will look into it and make arrangements for cleaning the water."

Instead of prune, this was chop job

Kasturi Nagar residents say fully-grown tree cut to clear view in front of house

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The felling of a fully-grown Tabebuia Rosea tree in Kasturi Nagar stunned residents who were only expecting its branches to be pruned according to the directions of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

They reported that the tree on 4th cross was chopped off completely in order to provide visibility to a house.

While the owner of the house had sought permission from the BBMP to cut the tree, orders were given to carry out for just pruning of the branches. Now, not even the roots of the tree can be seen, they lament.

Ashwin Rao, a resident of the locality for over 10 years, said, "The tree has been here for ages and to see it being chopped off completely was really disappointing for all of us. It would provide shade, and when in bloom, would look extremely beautiful. When we asked the owner of the house, he had stated that they couldn't construct a drain near the house due to the location of the tree."

The fully-grown Tabebuia Rosea tree was cut down completely in Kasturi nagar

He said that upon seeing the tree trunk being cut, residents brought it to the notice of the BBMP Forest Officer, and the chopping was stopped midway. However, after a few days, work was reportedly resumed.

Rao pointed out that they called BBMP officers multiple times to raise complaints, but their calls remained unanswered. "The BBMP Forest Department did not take any action and left the tree to die," he complained.

With monsoons entering the city, there are higher chances of tree branches falling. Hence, the BBMP directed its pruning as it would maintain safety.

With drainage work being carried out at the location, now someone new would not even be able to tell that there was once a tree at the spot. Some residents pointed out that such incidents were not new in Kasturi Nagar.

> **"The tree has been here for ages, and to see it being chopped off completely was really disappointing**
> – Ashwin Rao, Resident

"A new construction site has been coming up, and two aged Ashoka trees were chopped off. We have no idea if permission was given to chop off those trees. In another incident, a tree in full bloom with its flowers was completely pruned.

Now it looks withered. While many citizens try to save the trees and environment, some are not concerned and think about their own benefit. The BBMP officials do not take strict action, making it easy for people to carry out their chopping without fear," said a resident.

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Unchecked malpractices
KR Puram

Outside KR Puram railway station, toilet attendants are asking for Rs 5 and Rs 10. There is no checking being done by BBMP.

Dusty road
Whitefield

The area opposite Prestige Park, Hope Farm, Whitefield Road is full of dust and mud. No BBMP workers on site.

Under-developed stretch
Kadugodi

There has been no development for many years now in the Kadugodi area, Dinnur Road.

Signs to free Hebbal flyover

Signages, physical barricading to help ease traffic

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Finally there is some solace for motorists who have to take the choked Hebbal flyover during peak hours. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to implement measures to ease traffic flow at this 'gateway to Bengaluru'.

Signs & barricades

BBMP's Special Commissioner (Health and IT) KV Thrilok Chandra told Bangalore Mirror that Hebbal is a major choke point during peak hours. Its traffic is mostly from the Kempegowda International Airport and interstate traffic and from the many merging roads. "To decongest the flyover, we need traffic engineering interventions. For example, we need to have clear signage on the right of the elevated corridor indicating the lane and destination. Currently, at the beginning of the ramp, there is confusion among vehicle users as to which lane to take as it gets divided into three streams; one heading towards Bengaluru city, the second one towards Hennur and the third loop in between towards Tumkur Road or Outer Ring Road. Currently, there are no clear markings which are adding to the confusion as well," he said.

This confusion and lack of lane discipline adds to the traffic chaos. "After inspection, we have decided that the solution is clear channelisation of traffic. We are now planning to install physical barricading with dedicated lanes to the city, Hennur and Tumkur Road sides. These are short-term measures," he added.

Long term solution

The major problem is the width of the flyover. The three-lane highway with a two-lane service road (airport highway) narrows down to just two lanes of the flyover which is turning out to be a chicken's neck.

Sources said that a the Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) has suggested the dismantling of flyover lanes towards Tumkur Road on Hebbal flyover. The State Government and BMRCL had recently engaged RITES for conducting a comprehensive study and preparing a master plan for capacity augmentation at Hebbal Junction to meet the estimated road traffic requirement of 2051 and integration of other modes of transport like Metro and suburban lines.

> **"We are now planning to install physical barricading with dedicated lanes to the city, Hennur and Tumkur Road sides**

The plan envisages the construction of an additional two-lane flyover to the west of the existing Hebbal flyover thus making it a five-lane movement from the city to the airport. On the eastern side, a three-lane flyover will be constructed in addition to the existing two-lane making it a five-lane movement from the airport to the city, sources informed. This would ensure there are five lanes on the main flyover. The existing loop from the city to Tumkur Road will have to be rebuilt after the new lanes are added by demolishing the current 1.5-lane ramp. The existing loop from the city to KR Puram will be retained.

Sources said that, BDA has planned the construction of the three-lane underpass (for Tumkur to KR Puram traffic). KR Puram to Airport will be a two-lane elevated flyover as planned by BDA. The KR Puram to Tumkur side will continue with the existing straight road which will be widened to a four-lane road. This proposal, however, is still on the paper.

Bus bays planned at KR Puram

Besides Hebbal, the Tin factory junction (near KR Puram) is considered a major traffic choke point. "There is a need for traffic engineering intervention at Tin Factory junction as well. If we look at the current issues, construction of Metro work is on while there is a merger of traffic from ORR and city which is resulting in a choke point. The intra-city/State and inter-State buses are parked on the up ramp of the flyover which also affects the traffic. We have identified bus bays at two places. BMRCL has to take up this work at the earliest," Chandra added.

Guess which flyover is en route

BBMP says Jakkur flyover project will be ready soon

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has finally decided to give a new lease of life to the 'aborted' Jakkur flyover. The flyover construction was in limbo for many years. On Tuesday, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath visited the spot and assured of its speedy completion.

He said, "The project has been delayed due to lack of land. We wanted to take over 48 properties for completion of the project and so far possessed only 38. I have instructed the officials to take swift measures to acquire the remaining 10 properties so that we can finish this project at the earliest."

He also asked officials to coordinate with BDA for constructing an approach road to the flyover from Jakkur (next to the lake).

Bangalore Mirror had published a story on how residents of Jakkur have been demanding that railway authorities and BBMP complete the construction of rail over bridge (ROB) for more than a decade.

The railways and the BBMP decided to construct the ROB near the Jakkur railway level crossing in 2009 at an estimated cost of Rs 18 crore. —BMB

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When PWD made students take the stairs

For two years, faculty members, students of Govt SKSJ Polytechnic Institute have been waiting for a lift to be installed

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If you thought a lift was a basic facility that should be easily available to all, the students and faculty members of Government SKSJ Polytechnic Institute would disagree with you.

For these individuals, a lift is being installed in the institute's new block after a gap of more than two years, and all these months, students and faculty members were compelled to use the staircase to go up and down four floors of the new block.

It is alleged that the Public Works Department (PWD) has assigned a contractor to construct the building but they failed to ensure that contractor completed all the works assigned to him. The result: the basement's building was flooded and there was a delay in installing the much-needed lift.

The basement was flooded until recently; work is in progress to install the lift in the new block

"Though it is not difficult for us to climb the stairs to reach the third or fourth floors to attend classes, we find it difficult to go up and down while carrying laptops with us," said a student.

According to the students, the new block was opened for conducting classes two years ago but the lift was not installed.

"We can climb the stairs without much difficulty but what about the faculty and house-keeping staff? It will be good if the contractor installs the lift soon for the benefit of our lecturers and workers," said a student on the condition of anonymity.

It is said the tender process was completed a year ago for installing fire safety equipment and the lift at the new block. The estimated cost of the fire safety equipment and the lift is said to be more than Rs 1 crore.

"I hope the contractor will complete the work as early as possible," said a student.

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According to Shiva Prakash, assistant executive engineer, PWD, some civil work, including construction of a retaining wall, were pending.

"We have drained water in the basement by using a 10 HP water pump. We will remove the accumulated silt in a few days," said Prakash.

Dr KG Chandrasekhar, Principal of Govt SKSJ Polytechnic Institute said that the installation of the lift was delayed due to technical reasons. He said the PWD engineers have been trying their best to complete the pending civil work.

"The installation of the lift is in progress and I expect the work to be completed without any delay," said the principal.

Postpone NEET, say aspiring medicos

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Aspiring medical students want Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to postpone the NEET-UG examination for several weeks, stating that they do not have enough time for preparation.

The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) undergraduate examination 2022 is scheduled to be held on Sunday, July 17.

Shruthi Singh, a 19-year-old NEET aspirant from Bengaluru, said, "The students are just asking for 30-40 more days. JEE main was postponed even when though it is conducted twice a year. If we fail, due to insufficient preparation, our entire year will be wasted. Medical education is already precarious with a limited number of seats and huge fees for private institutions."

Last year, the NEET-UG was held in September and the students were expecting the same this year.

Prashant R, another student from Bengaluru, said, "They are saying that they have preponed the exam because they want to restore the academic session. But the next session is scheduled to start in February 2023 then what is the hurry? It is not affecting the next session in any way."

According to him, the exam was clashing with CUET and other private entrance examinations. "How can we prepare for four exams in one month?"

Yashaswi, 20, another NEET aspirant, said that the exam date was also announced late and it was unfair for repeaters. We gave one exam in September and did not even get a year to prepare for our second attempt. "This is a major exam; one of the toughest."

Students protest demanding NEET to be postponed (file)

> **If we fail, due to insufficient preparation, our entire year will be wasted**
>
> –Shruthi Singh, a student

Meanwhile, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday addressed the issue at a conference, saying that majority of students have already started preparing. He also said that students make such demands every year.

Students took to Twitter and netizens are also demanding that the education minister steps down.

India Wide Parents' Association had also written a letter to the Prime Minister regarding the issue on June 20. Advocate Anubha Shrivastava Sahai, president of the association, wrote requesting authorities to "defer the examination by at least 40-45 days in the interest of lakhs of students".

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State to keep eye out for zoonotic viruses

One Health pilot programme launched to keep preventative watch against viruses

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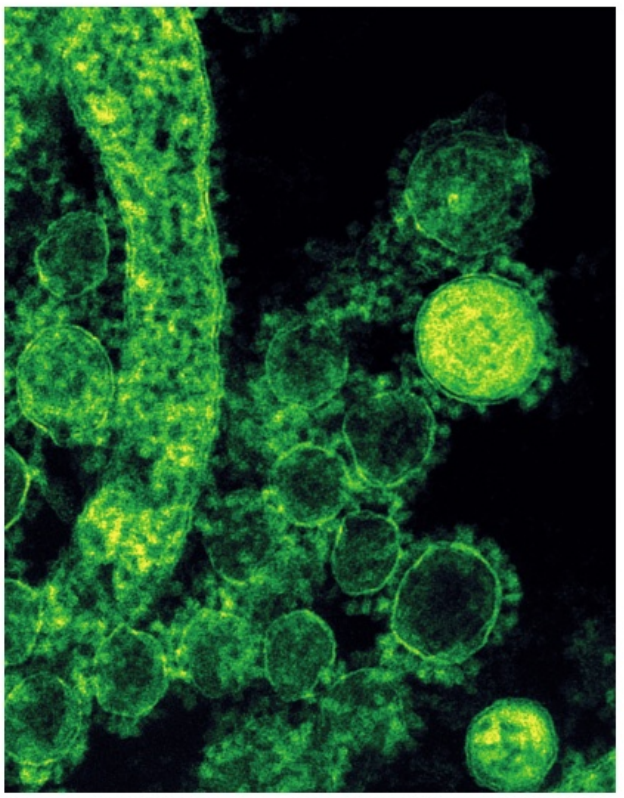
The One Health pilot programme aimed at creating a preventative watch against zoonotic viruses was launched in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Karnataka is among the two states that were chosen for this pilot.

Overburdened by waves of Covid-19 to keep watch for incoming virus attacks, the One health pilot was launched to set up a larger and broader system across the country. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) launched the One Health pilot in collaboration with the Karnataka Forest Department and the Department of Health and Family Welfare in Karnataka.

It perceives the health of humans as part of the interconnected ecosystem with the health of people, animals and the environment impacting each other. DAHD has signed an MoU with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Speaking at a press meeting, the Commissioner of the Animal Husbandry department, Dr Praveen Malik, said, "For the last two decades, a lot of diseases are emerging in our country and across the globe. The mechanism to tackle these issues lies with the concept of One Health. This programme will focus on understanding how these diseases are prevalent and forecast their emergence. Using the model of predict, prevent, detect and respond we can tackle these issues."



One Health System perceives health of humans as part of an interconnected ecosystem

The One Health pilot will focus on capacity-building for laboratories and field functionaries like forest guards and ASHA workers. Another key aspect will be to process samples quickly, transmit information and enter the data in a digital format. The first pilot was started in Uttarakhand last April by communicating with the farmers and other stakeholders about building better biosecurity to stop the eruption of new diseases.

> **"The learning from Uttarakhand and Karnataka will help in formulating the framework for the national One health programme**
> – RK Singh, project director

Project Director (One Health) RK Singh said, "The learning from Uttarakhand and Karnataka will help in formulating the framework for the national One health programme. We will focus on institutionalising mechanisms for data collection and integration with NDLM and developing of targeted surveillance plan, creating a network of laboratories and common SOPs, identification of training needs, communication with each stakeholder, awareness of zoonotic diseases, and emergency preparedness."

The apex committee will be chaired by the prime minister, a steering committee chaired by the secretary of Animal Husbandry and a State-level committee supported by a one-health coordination team.

Contract workers fume at appraisal system

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Members of the Karnataka State Health Contractual and Outsourced Employees' Association (KSHCOEA) are demanding that the government cancel the Online Performance Appraisal System (OPAS), which they stated was very unfair. These workers pointed out that they had worked relentlessly during the pandemic on low salaries and did not take any leaves. Now, with the government implementing OPAS, which is a three-month review, the KSHCOEA stated that it was unfair to bring this up only for them and not for other departments. KSHCOEA State President Vishwaradya H. Yamoji said, "Previously, officers extracted work from us 24x7 to save those who were affected during the pandemic and now, our reward for this draconian rule is OPAS."

According to him, this will dent their unity and make their lives miserable. There are many employees in service for 15-plus years; however, with the OPAS, they might lose their jobs. "Some officers might just dismiss the employees from service for their personal malice." The KSHCOEA also pointed out that some of the officers during evaluation might ask for undue money which may lead to corruption. "There is slavery in this system, while there could even be harassment against female employees. Overall, this is an unscientific evaluation process," said Shrikant Swami, KSHCOEA State General Secretary. Workers are now planning to go on a strike on July 7. "During the first three waves, we helped save the lives of many patients; but now, we are not even considered. We will carry out a massive strike on July 7 to protest against implementation of the OPAS," he added.

The employees demanded that the Nation Health Mission cancel OPAS immediately and treat all the government employees in the health sector equally. Founded in the year 2019, the KSHCOEA helps voice the toughest challenges faced by contractual and outsource employees and creates more sustainable ways to live, through respectful living, continued efforts, strong leadership and effective guidance.

Rodents blamed for poor infra

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PWD office compound wall has been damaged. It seems bandicoot rats have formed colonies near the footpath as they forage for food from a canteen nearby. Canteen staffers throw leftover food near the footpath. Rats feast on it," the chief engineer said. He said that he had already advised the engineer in charge of the maintenance of the PWD office to direct canteen staff not to throw leftover food near the footpath.

"It is for the second time the footpath is being damaged. We had restored the footpath earlier," he said, adding that there is a BWSSB water chamber on the footpath. Meanwhile, social activists were up in arms against the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for its failure to maintain the footpath. Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation said footpaths are the most neglected public spaces in the city.

"Many citizens frequent Nrupa- thunga Road as it has St Martha's Hospital and many other public offices. This is the central business district; it is crucial to maintain footpaths to provide last mile connectivity to various public conveniences. The quality of the works has to be audited and maintained from time to time by a competent authority. Footpaths have to be seamless and accessible to all, and ramps built for the specially abled," said Jacob.

Dhananjay Padmanabhachar, a social activist, said the work order issued by BBMP or BDA needs to be properly checked by a quality assurance department within the authorities or through a third party that helps to ensure the quality of the work done by the contractors who get the work order. "If they involve the ward committee to be part of the review board, then we can expect some change in the quality of the works," he noted.

Traffic expert professor MN Srihari told BM that the contractor might have put the concrete without having a base course which is the bottom layer of material laid down in the construction of a pavement. "I don't think rats are responsible for the damage to the footpath. The contractor has to make a base course before putting concrete for the construction of the footpath," he said.

Kathyayini Chamaraj, executive trustee of CIVIC, who expressed a similar opinion, said the selection of tiles for the footpath itself was wrong. "I am of the opinion that the base for fixing tiles was not proper. The tiles used for the footpath are not interlocking tiles either," she said.

Brookefield has an underground cable fix

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could not go for an RCC slab as it was too thick and would have formed a hump on the road. Instead, we took less-than-an-inch thick steel and created a sealing for the cable to absorb the weight, leaving one inch gap between the surface and the cable. Any motorist or pedestrian going over is less likely to notice it," added Keerthi.

"There are a total of eight cables, each joined 2-3 times. This section is repeatedly dug up because of the repeated failures caused by ceaseless vehicular pressure on shallow subsurface cables. The lid is a 20 mm steel plate.

Steel is chosen due to its very high strength-weight ratio, allowing for a flat (no sudden bump) road surface that doesn't touch the cables below," he added.

With no draining mechanism and high tension cables lying there, the area had to be made water-free as well.

Residents pooled in Rs 2.1 lakh to carry out the project. While the cost might seem a bit high, they felt a permanent solution to their daily problems was more important.

Brookefield residents are known for their efforts in fixing neighbourhood infra by pooling money and not waiting for civic authorities.

With over 20 apartments and 1,500 residents, the residents independently fix various neighbourhood problems. Previously, to solve uncoordinated underground works ruining the roads, the residents had built a permanent cable duct at the cost of Rs 5.5 lakh.

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Smoker near you? You are at risk

72% of survey respondents exposed to second-hand smoke; 62% to ads for tobacco products

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A national survey conducted in May by Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids in collaboration with Chair on Consumer Law and Practice, National Law School India University (NLSIU) has revealed that 72 per cent of its to second-hand smoke in public areas and workplaces such as offices, schools, stores, restaurants, bars, entertainment.

The survey was conducted to understand the scope of young adults' exposure to second-hand smoke and the marketing process for tobacco products.

Data for this survey was collected through an online questionnaire using convenience sampling between April-May, 2022. A total of 1,816 responses were collected from 23 national law universities, private law universities and colleges, and student bar associations located in India. Around 64 per cent of the respondents surveyed were in the age group of years, 12 per cent were above 35 and 9 per cent were below 18. Around 51 per cent male and 48 per cent females participated in the study.

The study revealed that 72 per cent of respondents were being exposed to second-hand smoke from tobacco in workplaces or public places such as offices, schools, colleges, stores, restaurants, bars, entertainment, sports venues, etc.

NLSIU's Prof Dr Ashok R Patil said, "Though India's tobacco control law (COTPA 2003) has banned smoking in public places, it permits smoking in airports, restaurants, bars, pubs, and enclosed workplaces through designated smoking areas. I urge the government to expedite the process so that youth can be protected from being exposed directly and indirectly to tobacco products."

Results revealed that when visiting a store, 62 per cent of the participants witnessed tobacco advertisements or promotions, majority of which were being done through tobacco product display (39 per cent), posters/banners (27 per cent), large cigarette packs displayed (25 per cent) tobacco company branding on shop structures (21 per cent) and boards outside the store (16 per cent).

Over 51 per cent of the respondents had noticed tobacco advertisements online or on social media and 57 per cent respondents believe that tobacco companies in India target young people as their market to encourage them to use tobacco products, while tobacco advertising and promotion encourages youth in India to smoke.

Seventy per cent of respondents supported raising the legal age of sale for tobacco products from 18 to 21. Around 25 per cent of the respondents were using the tobacco or nicotine-containing product.

Arjun Singal, Student, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, added that students were the future of the nation. They were being targeted by tobacco companies through creative advertising and offers to become their lifelong customers. Second-hand smoke at public and workplaces is of great concern among the youth as it exposes them to harmful chemicals despite being non-smokers.

According to him, provisions of COTPA 2003 should be made more stringent and implemented effectively before it is too late to save the next generations.

Priyank Kanoongo, chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights said, "Our youngsters are becoming more vulnerable to the tobacco threat. All volunteer organisations should come together to fight tobacco use by the youth. Ground-level work should be done through effective implementation of ToFEI guidelines and New Education Policy (NEP) at schools and colleges."

MIRRORLIGHTS

Light exposure during sleep in older adults linked to high BP, diabetes, obesity

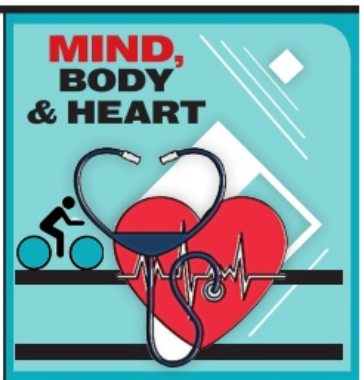
A new study has found that people who were exposed to any amount of light while sleeping at night were significantly more likely to be obese, have high blood pressure and diabetes compared to adults who were not exposed to any light during the night.

Light exposure was measured with a wrist-worn device and tracked over seven days.

This is a real-world (not experimental) study demonstrating the prevalence of any light exposure at night being linked to higher obesity, high blood pressure (known as hypertension) and diabetes among older adults. It will be published on June 22 in the journal SLEEP.

"Whether it be from one's smartphone, leaving a TV on overnight or light pollution in a big city, we live among an abundant number amount of artificial sources of light that are available 24 hours of a day," said study corresponding author Dr. Minjee Kim, assistant professor of neurology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and a Northwestern Medicine physician. "Older adults already are at higher risk for diabetes and cardiovascular disease, so we wanted to see if there was a difference in frequencies of these diseases related to light exposure at night."

Study investigators were surprised to find that less than half of the 552 study participants consistently had a five-hour period of complete darkness per day. The rest of participants were exposed to some light even during their darkest five-hour periods of the day, which were usually in the middle of their sleep at night. —ANI



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've had a female friend for more than a decade whom I've always been close to. We met as students and became fast friends, and kept in touch over the years.
I was in a long-term relationship until recently and started thinking about my friend and realised that I've always loved her. I was about to get a train to visit her and admit how I feel when she put out on Instagram that she'd got engaged to her boyfriend. My timing is obviously not great.
My best mate has advised me not to say anything to her now she's getting married, but is he right?

COLEEN SAYS
I agree with your friend I'm afraid. This doesn't sound like a whirlwind romance – she's been with her boyfriend for a while and they obviously love each other.
And I also think that if she'd had genuine feelings for you, she might have let you know by now. Or maybe she missed the window, too because you got into a serious relationship with someone else.
If you did say something, it could affect your friendship, and if you have to back off a bit and not see as much of her, that's OK.
You're newly single and have the opportunity to meet someone special, so focus on that.
And the next time you fall in love (which you will), make sure you tell the girl in question how you feel before you miss your opportunity.
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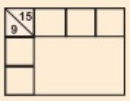

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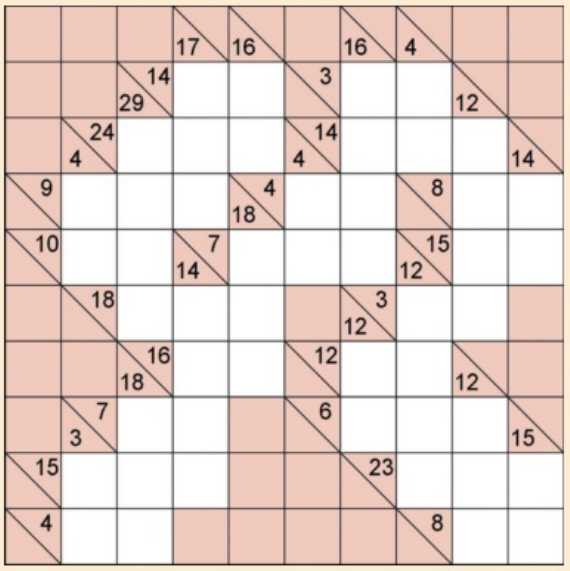

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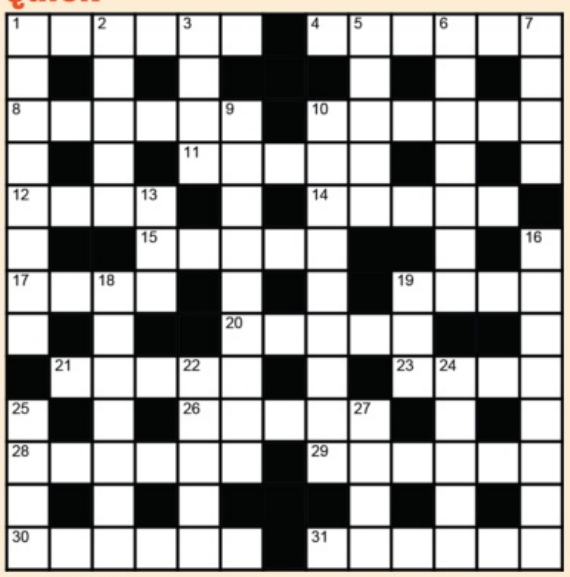

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4 On to the land (6)
8 Grabbers–not givers? (6)
10 Rather unused; not oldish (6)
11 Rose (5)
12 Luxuriant in growth (4)
14 In cinema, popular name for Academy Awards? (5)
15 At par; proportionate (5)
17 Cat's lives (4)
19 High-fidelity sound reproduction (2-2)
20 Dutch cheese (5)
21 Military award (5)
23 Propel yourself in water (4)
26 Greek letter (5)
28 Proved false (6)
29 Excessive, unjustified (6)
30 Things of value (6)
31 Tied the knot? (6)

DOWN

1 Spilling the beans (8)
2 Libertines (5)
3 Rowing blades (4)
5 Sesame and cumin? (5)
6 A paper-folding art (7)
7 A sound you hear again (4)
9 Tried hard (9)
10 Rice noodle delicacy of Karnataka (4,5)
13 Haw's partner? (3)
16 Dejected (8)
18 Sewing implements (7)
19 Owns (3)
22 Highly skilled (5)
24 Injury (5)
25 Priestly robes (4)
27 British princess (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: J EQUALS I

VZYQ H WZJQB JM NCQY, JW'M NCQY. NCQ'W GCCP KHSP. GCCP UCTVHTN WC FCIT QYDW CKAYSWJOY.

Linemaro

Just so you know, I'm currently talking to the most beautiful girl in the room

Mindchow

Every true genius is bound to be naive

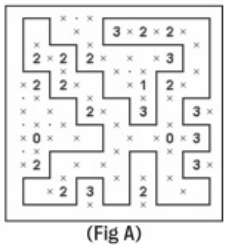
Joke of the day

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand

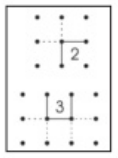
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

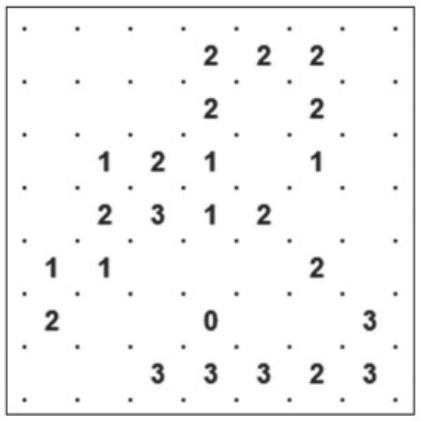


(Fig B) Not Allowed

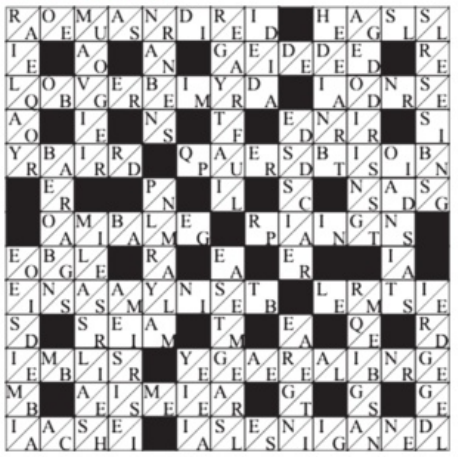
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



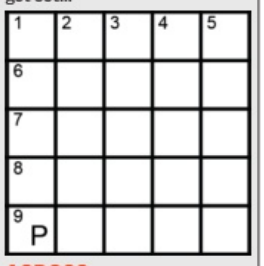
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 A sect; 6 We red;
7 Cig in; 8 Segni;
9 Gaped

DOWN

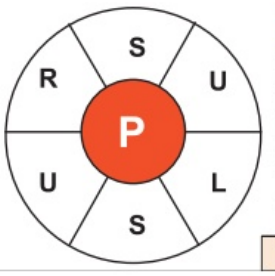
1 Scrip; 2 Ace I a;
3 Wings; 4 Genet;
5 Ed deg

Mensapuzzle

What are X and Y?

72 7 36 14 18 28 9 56 X Y

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

2		9				4		1
			2		4			
7	4						8	2
		8	3	5	1	7		
	9						6	
		4	6	9	8	2		
1	6						2	4
			4		7			
4		5				8		6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 18

2 2 3 4

Medium = 50

3 7 7 8

Hard = 2

3 9 9 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

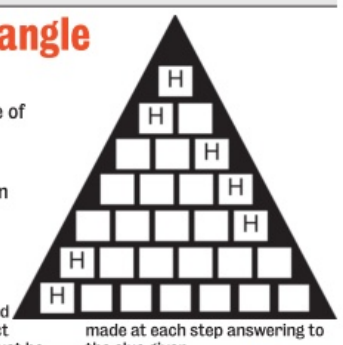
Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Hat is different. 3. Car is moved. 4. Line is added to sidewalk. 5. Tie is different. 6. Purse is different.

Riddler

What binds two people yet touches only one?

Alpha triangle

1 8th letter
2 Greeting
3 National Institute of Health, abbr.
4 Almost
5 Whinny
6 __ on: depended on
7 Course



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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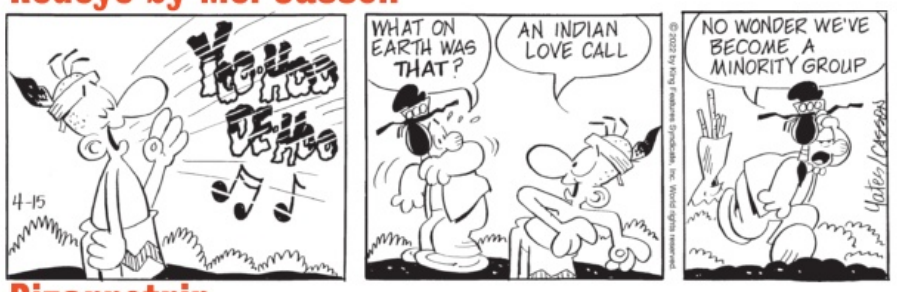

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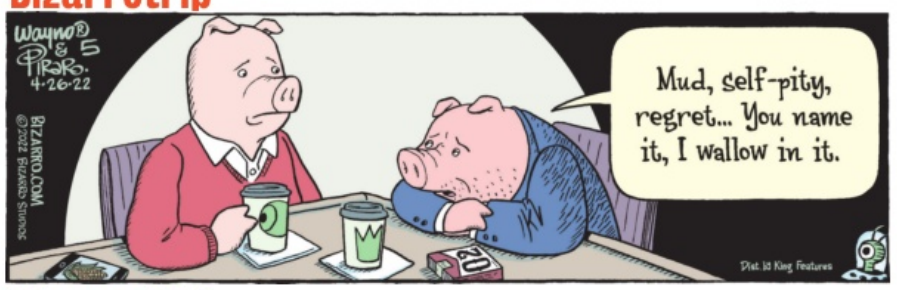
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Diamond Lil

DANG!
HEY, SURLI, HOW COME I CAN'T WIN A SINGLE GAME OF WORDLE?!
PROBABLY BECAUSE THIS IS SUDOKU, YOU IDIOT
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Hart of the city

I NEED A HAIRCUT, BUT I GOT A NEW BARBER AND THE GUY TALKS SO MUCH!!
I JUST WANNA READ "NEUTRON MAN" IN PEACE AND NOT GET GRILLED ABOUT WHICH GIRLS I LIKE.
OOH, WHICH GIRLS DO YOU LIKE?
WH-WHAT IS THIS, A BARBER SHOP??
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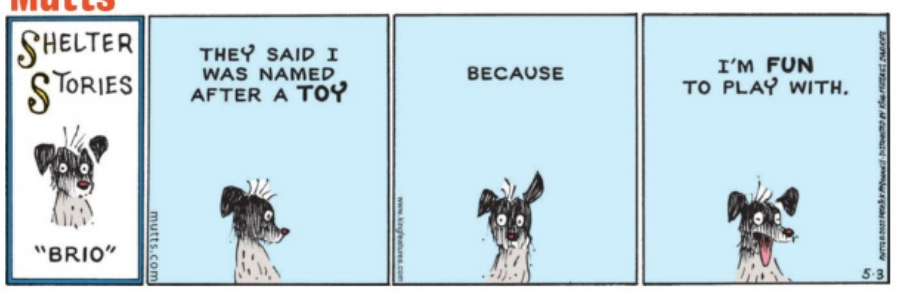
Crankshaft

LOOK AT THIS MESS!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS!?
WELL, I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO SET THE TIMER ON THE SPRINKLER FOR A SHORTER AMOUNT OF TIME.
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be enthusiastic and highly focused towards your goals. You could easily achieve your targets. Expect short work-related trips which benefit you in the near future. Your juniors may help you complete an important project. Disputes with siblings may be raised.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. You will plan to invest more capital into your family business, which could grow it in the near future. You may expect some rewards due to your social services. You can expect to hear some good news in your family, which can lead to a joyful environment. You will possibly enjoy some delicious food.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
You may feel happy today as your health is good. This will boost your inner strength and self-confidence. Your subconscious mind may not allow manipulation of a messy task. Your social prestige is likely to be increased. Destiny is on your side. You may start something innovative.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You could feel unhappy and disappointed today. Control your arrogance or you may face some losses due to your harsh tone of speaking with others. You are advised to avoid long trips and rash driving. You should keep yourself away from bay areas or oceans.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today there may be peace in your mind. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in the family life. Singles are likely to find a suitable match. You can expect ample opportunities at work. Some progress in your life will be evident.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be able to implement your plans with the help of your strong network at work. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your hard work. There may be good understanding between you and your spouse, which will increase harmony in your domestic life. Your boss may appreciate your hard work.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
The moon is on your side today. Last day's messy situation is under control. You may initiate postponed tasks. You may be rewarded for your hard work. There can be some gains in your business which will boost your financial health. You should expect some unexpected opportunity which may grow your business or work. You may also plan for overseas travel.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may not feel well and might have health issues. This may affect your professional and domestic life. You are likely to be upset due to your spouse's health issues. Your patience may be tested many times. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects, otherwise you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid day-dreaming and should work hard in their studies.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
With the moon on your side, you may be able to make quick decisions on the professional front. Expect to get new opportunities in terms of business, which may boost your confidence levels. You are likely to start some new innovation with the help of your business partner, which may grow your business in the near future.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the positive moon and may feel healthy. Chronic health issues may be cured now. The health of your children should be okay now. Money that was stuck somewhere is likely to be recovered. You may also repay any debt you have.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
The moon will bring you peace of mind. You may become decisive and grab any opportunity without a second thought. Past karma may help you to sustain certain situations and show you the right path. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants are likely to find suitable work with the help of friends.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be feeling dull. Detachment from responsibilities could make you upset. You may not be able to fulfil your commitments, which may affect your prestige. You may be a victim of arrogance, and it can affect both your professional and domestic life. You may feel a lack of confidence internally, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
7x+6x+5=10x-13
12x+5=10x-13
12x-10x=-13-5
2x=-18
divide both sides by 2
x=-9

BULL'S EYE
lupus, plus, purl, puss, slurp, spur, SURPLUS, usurp

FAST FIVE

C	A	S	T	E
R	E	W	E	D
I	C	I	N	G
S	I	N	G	E
P	A	G	E	D

QUOTE UNCODE
When a thing is done, it's done. Don't look back. Look forward to your next objective.

STRIKE OUT

R	E	M	A	N	D	E	D	H	A	L	S			
A	E	S	F	E	R	R	I							
Y	A	R	D	O	U	E	S	T	I	O	N			
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QUICK

T	E	R	R	O	R	A	S	H	O	R	E			
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SUDOKU

2	5	9	8	7	6	4	3	1
8	1	6	2	3	4	5	9	7
7	4	3	9	1	5	6	8	2
6	2	8	3	5	1	7	4	9
5	9	1	7	4	2	3	6	8
3	7	4	6	9	8	2	1	5
1	6	7	5	8	3	9	2	4
9	8	2	4	6	7	1	5	3
4	3	5	1	2	9	8	7	6

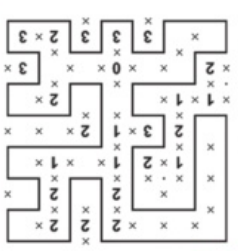
MENSA PUZZLE
Halve the terms alternately from the first term: 72 36 18 9 4½ or 4.5(x). Double the terms alternately from the second term: 7 14 28 56 112(y).

RIDDLER
A wedding ring

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 4 + 3 x 2 = 18
Medium
7 + 7 x 3 + 8 = 50
Hard
5 - 3 + 9 - 9 = 2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
H, Hi, Nih, Nigh, Neigh, Hinged, Heading.

LOOP



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Moms-to-be at work

Actresses who fulfilled filming commitments during pregnancy

Bollywood actresses have proven time and again that they have what it takes to pull off those long hours on sets even while pregnant. As Alia Bhatt gets set for her Hollywood debut with a baby on board, we take a look at other actresses and supermoms who completed their filming commitments during their pregnancy.

Kareena Kapoor Khan shot for 'Laal Singh Chaddha' during her second pregnancy

Kareena Kapoor Khan made headlines last year when she continued to shoot for 'Laal Singh Chaddha' shoot with Aamir Khan in the middle of the pandemic, while pregnant with her second child. Thanks to some good old-fashioned camera tricks, the actress went about shooting her scenes for the film despite her growing baby bump. According to reports, the makers decided to alter the bump with the help of VFX in the post-production stages.

Sridevi completed 'Judaai' shoot while pregnant

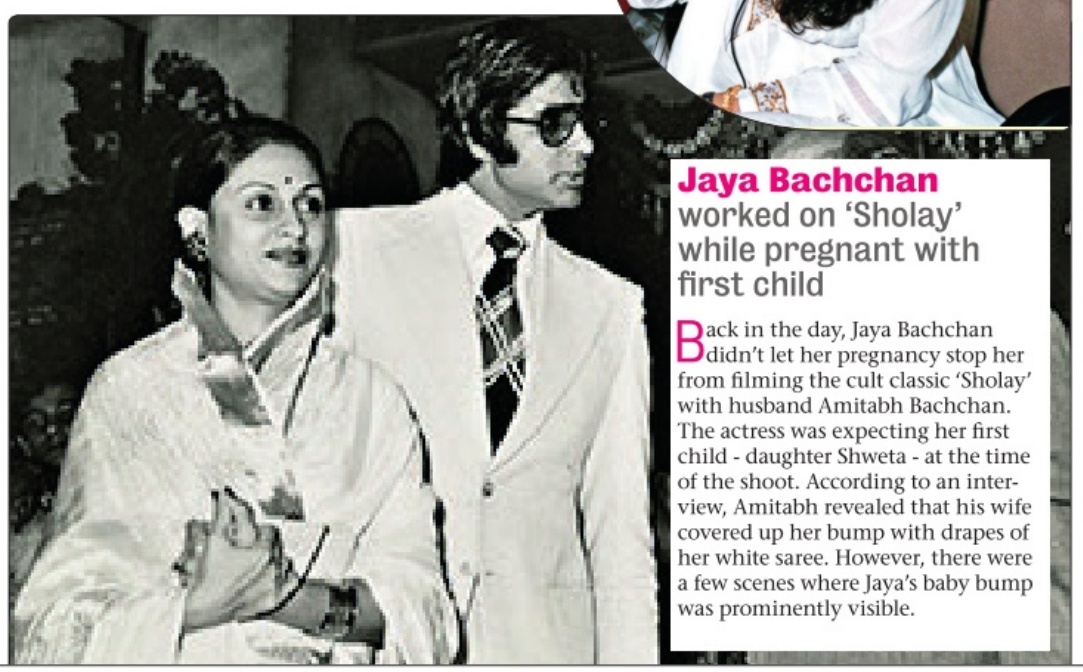
Sridevi sent Bollywood film bosses into a panic when she revealed that she was pregnant. With portions of the film 'Judaai' still to be shot, reports stated that the actress was a thorough professional and made sure to fulfil all her work commitments. After welcoming her daughter Janhvi Kapoor, the actress took a break from films and only returned to the big screen in Gauri Shinde's 'English Vinglish'.

Alia announces pregnancy amidst 'Heart of Stone' shoot

Alia Bhatt who announced her pregnancy on Monday, is set to complete shooting for her Hollywood debut film 'Heart of Stone' before taking time off. The actress who is just a few months pregnant with her first child with husband Ranbir Kapoor will continue to shoot the film as scheduled. The actress is also expected to fly back home in time to kick off her 'Brahmastra' promotion schedule.

Juhi Chawla was seven months pregnant while shooting for 'Jhankaar Beats'

Did you know actress Juhi Chawla shot for 'Jhankaar Beats' when she was seven-months pregnant with her second child? That was not the only film the actress shot with a baby onboard. It was reported that Juhi was working on 'Ek Rishtaa' and 'Aamdani Atthani Kharchaa Rupaiyaa' when she received the news of her first pregnancy.



Jaya Bachchan worked on 'Sholay' while pregnant with first child

Back in the day, Jaya Bachchan didn't let her pregnancy stop her from filming the cult classic 'Sholay' with husband Amitabh Bachchan. The actress was expecting her first child - daughter Shweta - at the time of the shoot. According to an interview, Amitabh revealed that his wife covered up her bump with drapes of her white saree. However, there were a few scenes where Jaya's baby bump was prominently visible.

Nostalgic Madhuri

Madhuri Dixit recently reflected on her Bollywood journey so far. The actress also reminisced about doing 2-3 films at a time. Talking about the same, the actress told a news portal that every generation has different difficulties in being a film star. According to her, when she started, the industry was very disorganised. Nothing was planned. Although they knew what the story was going to be, they didn't know the dialogues or when it was being shot. However, the actress added that they still managed to make good films.

Elaborating, Madhuri went on to add that today the process of filmmaking is extremely systematic. Every project has a budget and everyone knows how many days they're going to shoot. The script, look and costumes are ready. Madhuri added that actors have a huge benefit in this kind of setup and women are omnipresent on film sets.

According to the 'Devdas' actress, actors today can be completely consumed by a movie that they are doing while they used to do three to five films at a time and even pull off double or triple shifts in a day. On the work front, Madhuri made her OTT debut with 'Finding Anamika'.

Batman forever

Christian Bale is credited for bringing one of the most nuanced portrayal of Batman on screen, and the Hollywood star says he has no qualms about reprising the role of the Caped Crusader if director Christopher Nolan proposes an idea.

Bale, the star of Nolan's critically-acclaimed Batman Trilogy, said he has never been approached by any other filmmaker to play the popular DC comic book character. "No. No one's ever mentioned it to me. Occasionally people say to me, 'Oh, I hear you were approached and offered all this'. And I'm like, 'That's news to me. No one's ever said that," the actor told Screen Rant. "I had a pact with Chris Nolan. We said, 'Hey, look. Let's make three films, if we're lucky enough to get to do that. And then let's walk away. Let's not linger too long.' In my mind, it would be something if Chris Nolan ever said to himself, 'You know what, I've got another story to tell.' And if he wished to tell that story with me, I'd be in," Bale added. **PTI**